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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT

1. CONSERVATIVE MORNING DAILY LA PRENSA GRAFICA YESTERDAY
TERMED PROPOSALS ON COMMUNICATION POLICY BEFORE UNESCO MEETING
"A THREAT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION."

LEAD EDITORIAL CONTINUED, "NO, THE UNESCO PLAN WOULD NOT STAY
WITHIN THE AREA OF NEWS AGENCIES. IT WOULD REACH INTO THE
REALM OF HUMAN RIGHTS. IT WOULD BE PROJECTING NEGATIVELY ON
THE RIGHT OF EVERY MAN TO BE FREELY INFORMED."

THE PIECE CONCLUDED, "THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS ASKED THAT ITS
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNITED NATIONS BE INSTRUCTED TO OPPOSE
THE PROJECT. THAT IS AN EXAMPLE THAT OUGHT TO BE FOLLOWED."
SPANISH TEXT FOLLOWS SEPTEL.

2. ULTRA CONSERVATIVE MORNING DAILY EL DIARIO DE HOY PRAISED
CHILEAN JUNTA'S REFUSAL OF U.S. AID, BLAMING PROBLEMS ON JIMMY
CARTER AND DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN.

SAID THE LEAD EDITORIAL, "IT IS BY RESORTING TO THIS KIND OF
ATTACKS THAT CARTER, CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF JOHN F. KENNEDY,
HAS BEEN ABLE TO TURN AROUND THE SLIPPAGE IN HIS CAMPAIGN..."

"MANY GROUPS IN THE U.S. CONGRESS TRY TO USE FOREIGN AID FOR
THEIR OWN POLITICAL ENDS, EITHER ATTACKING PROGRAMS OR
REQUESTING AID FOR NATIONALITIES LINKED WITH INFLUENTIAL
DOMESTIC GROUPS."

"THE STANCE OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT IN THIS CASE IS MORE THAN
JUSTIFIED--EVEN PRAISEWORTHY. FINDING THEMSELVES AT A POINT IN
WHICH THEIR OWN WORK IS LIFTING THE COUNTRY TO ITS FEET, TO

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ACCEPT AID WITH HUMILIATION NOT ONLY WOULD DENIGRATE THEM, BUT

WOULD ALSO ALLOW THE CARTERS AND KENNEDYS TO COME OUT LATER AND
SAY THAT THE COUNTRY'S RECUPERATION, ACHIEVED WITH SUCH SACRIFICE,
WAS DUE TO FOREIGN AID INSTEAD."
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